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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7104

BILL NUMBER: HB 1196

DATE PREPARED: Dec 29, 1998

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Reservations at Department of Natural Resources facilities.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to accept reservations from residents of the state for overnight accommodations at campgrounds ten days before the Department begins to accept reservations from nonresidents.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The DNR Division of State Parks and Reservoirs accepts campground reservations on March 1 and thereafter. The above proposal would require the Division to accept reservations from residents ten days prior to accepting reservations from non-residents. Consequently, the Division would either have to accept reservations from residents 10 days prior to this date or accept reservations from nonresidents 10 days after this date. This proposal should have a negligible impact on the operations of the Division. The Division may experience some additional expenses associated with notifying the public of the change.

Explanation of State Revenues: Total camping revenue for Division of State Parks and Reservoirs in fiscal year 1997-1998 was \$5.4 million. The above proposal could result in a decrease in campground visitations by nonresidents if nonresidents decide not to camp in Indiana because of the proposal. However, the number of nonresidents, if any, who may react negatively to the change is indeterminable. For every 1% drop in camping visitation by nonresidents, the Division loses about \$54,000. Campground fees are deposited in a state parks dedicated fund designed to finance the operation and maintenance of State Parks.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: DNR Division of State Parks and Reservoirs (317) 232-4124.